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NCRTD TO ASSUME OPERATION OF THE TAOS EXPRESS ON JANUARY 1, TAOS CHILE LINE TO TAKE OVER SERVICE TO UNM TAOS

On January 1, 2015, the North Central Regional Transit District (RTD "Blue Bus") will assume operation of the Taos Express, currently operated by the Taos Chile Line. At the same time, service to UNM Taos from the Town of Taos will be taken over by the Chile Line.

The RTD Taos Express provides residents and visitors with weekend bus transit between Taos and Santa Fe. As an added service, the NCRTD will commence a stop in Española at its RTD bus stop located in front of the Santa Claran Hotel by the Century Bank. The RTD Taos Express provides connecting service to the New Mexico Rail Runner Express, Santa Fe Trails bus system and Taos Chile Line.

This marks the first time that the NCRTD has provided a weekend service and unlike its 19 fixed routes which are free, the Taos Express operates on a fare system. The fare will remain the same as currently charged at $5.00 each way between Taos and Santa Fe. Service to and from Taos and Española, and between Santa Fe and Española, will be priced at $2.00 per trip. Reservations will no longer be required and service will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

The NCRTD has provided bus transit service from the Town to UNM Taos on its UNM Taos Route since 2008. That service will cease on December 31 after which service to the University will be provided by the Chile Line.

For more information on the changes please contact the RTD toll free at 866-206-0754 or visit RideTheBlueBus.com. The Chile Line can be reached at 575-751-4459 or online at taosgov.com.

The North Central Regional Transit District provides free bus service Monday through Friday to a service area that encompasses over 10,000 square miles of north central New Mexico including the counties of Taos, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe; the Cities of Santa Fe and Española and the Towns of Taos and Edgewood; as well as the Pueblos of Pojoaque, Ohkay Owingeh, Nambé, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara and Tesuque. The company's signature "RTD Blue Buses" provide additional transit connections to New Mexico Rail Runner, Santa Fe Trails, New Mexico Park and Ride, Los Alamos Atomic City Transit, Taos Chile Line and Red River Miner's Transit. All of its buses are equipped with bike racks and are ADA accessible.

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